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Dear Mr. Auerbach:

This is in response to your letter received 30 December 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/030,214 filed 09 March 2000. The application has been accepted by the Office as of 03 January 2002 and a Notification of Acceptance of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) will soon be issued.

Sincerely,

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